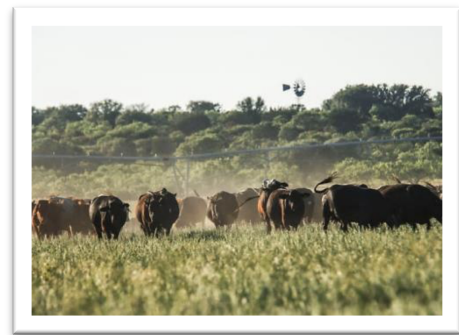




Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program

INTRODUCTION

The Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program (TFRLCP) was established by the Texas Legislature in 2005 with the purpose of conserving working lands with high values for water, fish and wildlife, and agricultural production; especially lands at risk of development. In 2015, the 84th Legislature transferred the program from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) to the Texas Parks and Wildlife



Department (TPWD), effective January 1, 2016 (HB1925). The program aligns with TPWD's mission to encourage stewardship of private lands for conservation of natural resources. The Legislature also appropriated \$2 million in state money to fund the program for the 2016-2017 biennium. An objective of the program will be to leverage this appropriation with other private, state, or federal dollars. These funds will be awarded to assist with the acquisition of conservation easements on working lands that conserve important natural resources.

TFRLC COUNCIL

The legislation also established a council to support the TFRLCP. The Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Council (TFRLCC) consists of 12 members, six Ex-Officio and six Governor-appointed members. Appointed members serve staggered terms of six years. The specific affiliation of each member is outlined in legislation, and a list of members is available on the TPWD TFRLCP webpages. The purpose of the TFRLCC is to select applicants to receive grants using TFRLCC adopted criteria.



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